



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

GOAL WEEK

- WHEREAS: Established in 1971, the Georgia Occupational Award of Leadership (GOAL) Program emphasizes the importance of technical education in strengthening Georgia's highly-skilled workforce and generating economic growth; and
- WHEREAS: The GOAL Program recognizes and rewards excellence among more than 134,000 Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) students; and
- WHEREAS: The GOAL program is supported by local communities, businesses, and industry leaders around the state, demonstrating the value of public-private partnerships in honoring Georgia's top technical education students and promoting strategic workforce development initiatives; and
- WHEREAS: Many representatives and sponsors from businesses and industries throughout the state have generously donated their time, efforts, and resources to benefit the GOAL program; and
- WHEREAS: This statewide program generates community interest in technical education and raises awareness of TCSG initiatives by recognizing outstanding talent while solidifying the relationship among Georgia's technical colleges, local and business communities, and industry leaders; and
- WHEREAS: The GOAL program highlights the significance of technical education in providing the students of today with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in the workforce of the future so that we may meet the demands of an innovative economic environment; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 23-27, 2018, as GOAL WEEK in Georgia and encourage our citizens to join in recognizing the vital impact that a well-educated, technically trained, and highly competitive workforce provides for the well-being of our state.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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